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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
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DATE 15 April 1967

Full Name WILLIAM H. NEWBERY  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 435 East Grandview

City SIERRA MADRE State California 91024

Age 42 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion CATHOLIC Nationality U.S.A.

Occupation RADIO + T.V. REPAIR

Education HIGH SCHOOL, RADIO, T. V. TRAINING (2 years)

Weight 130 lbs. Color white Height 6'2"

Color of hair medium blond Color of eyes hazel

Outstanding characteristics or interests Radio + Communication - Repair

Married or single single Children none  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name Bachlor

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
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Special recognition Not known ORDER OF ARROW

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

*Positive, factual evidence of Perversion!*

Signed E. David Nickelson  
ant. Scout Executive

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April 26, 1968

E. David Mickelsen  
Assistant Scout Executive  
San Gabriel Valley Council, No. 40

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Mickelsen:

Thank you for your confidential record sheet dated April 15 concerning William H. Newberry, formerly registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 372. We have placed this information in our files.

This additional information will enable us to identify this individual should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Howard Boyd, Director  
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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April 10, 1968

Mr. Lee E. Harbottle  
Scout Executive  
San Gabriel Valley Council, No. 40

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Lee:

Thank you for your note of April 1 and the substantiating material you forwarded concerning William H. Newbery, formerly registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 372 in Sierra Madre. We have placed this information in our files.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would very much appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. This additional information will enable us to identify this individual should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Howard Boyd, Director  
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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# San Gabriel Valley Council



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

540 NORTH ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91107

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April 1, 1968

Dear Howard:

The supporting evidence justifies placing William H. Newbery, former Scoutmaster of Troop 372 on the Confidential File.

Sincerely yours,

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*Lee E. Harbottle*

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Scout Executive

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Mr. Howard P. Boyd, Director  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

August 17, 1967

SUBJECT: SUSPICION OF PERVERSION ACTIVITIES IN TROOP 372  
RE--Bill Newberry, Scoutmaster

TO: Chairman, Parents Committee, Troop 372

With sincere regret and sadness I find myself cast in a direct position of responsibility for reporting positive factual evidence of abnormal human behavior on the part of Mr Bill Newberry.

Several weeks ago when the first incident was reported to me by my 11 year old son after my wife had heard my son discussing a campout with [redacted] It seems that [redacted] was directed by Bill Newberry to come over to his sleeping bag, remove all of his clothes in front of Bill and the other boys and put on his pajamas. After I heard the story from [redacted] my wife and I discussed it and dismissed the incident as a usual round of scout fun and kidding. [redacted] is new in the troop, a tenderfoot and he is apparently quite modest when he is told to remove clothing in front of a group of laughing boys. When I discussed the incident with [redacted] I recall that I jokingly said, " [redacted] , you're too modest. All Bill was trying to do was make you remove your dirty underwear before you put on your clean pajamas. Now, isn't this what we tell you to do here at home?" Consequently, my wife and I dismissed the incident.

On Tuesday night, August 15th. we were visiting with our next door neighbors, Mr and Mrs [redacted] when we began discussing the number of fish our boys caught during the 8 day campout of Troop 372 at Bishop. My wife mentioned that it was too bad that their son [redacted] couldn't make the trip as all the scouts caught their share of trout. At this moment, Mr [redacted] mentioned the main reason they didn't want their son to go on anymore camping trips. He mentioned a previous campout at Blue Jay that [redacted] attended when abnormal games of stripping each other occurred. Mr [redacted] said that [redacted] had told them about it and since our son [redacted] was also there, he wondered if [redacted] had told us about it. Since [redacted] hadn't mentioned these strange occurrences to us we questioned [redacted] later on that evening, and he not only verified what [redacted] had related to his parent but told us much more. The last few days have been quite distressing in deciding how this extremely serious problem should be handled without causing any adverse publicity that would infect the entire community, including our sponsoring organization, the St Ritas Church, the parents of our scouts, etc. After several sleepless nights I have subsequently taken the following actions:

(a) Contacted the Director of the San Gabriel Valley Council, a Mr Lee E. Harbottle at 1145 on Thursday. At first I attempted to hide the troop number, city etc., but I finally revealed the entire situation, including the name of the person involved, who by the way is in his direct employ. Our lengthy conversation was too extensive to report in its entirety in this report to you but since he has handled nearly 250 cases similar to this in his 36 years as a Scout Executive he recommended the following:

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(1) Confront Mr Newberry personally and direct with the evidence. If he denies it (and Mr Harbottle felt he would) just say, good, I'm glad to hear it as you will have an opportunity to defend your innocence in court. There will be a long period of quiet and then will come the self-pity, etc and he will admit his complicity.

(2) He will have only 1 choice of action and that is to resign as scoutmaster. Let him arrive at his own reasons for resigning. This action must be taken immediately. I don't believe there can be any delay since Mr Harbottle asked me how much time I needed to prepare my report to you, confront Bill Newberry and I requested he give me until noon Saturday.

(3) I'll be glad to accompany you when Bill is confronted, however, before we do, I suggest we contact Father O'Malley and either just brief him on this serious problem or ask that he accompany us when we present the evidence to Bill.

(4) I want to emphasize that we have no alternative at this point. Mr Harbottle stated that he would commence his own actions if I backed out or failed to confront Bill prior to noon Saturday, which makes it mandatory that we see Bill not later than Friday evening. Without question, I think our duty as responsible members of a fine community, the church involved and lastly, the many parents and scouts of Troop 372, make it mandatory that we follow through with this distressing and distasteful duty, as much as we may dislike it.

Finally, I want to say that my part in this has been strictly voluntary. Right or wrong, I charted a course of action that appears to be the only realistic and logical solution to this grave problem. In my 27 years of military service in the USAF as an officer and a commander of many different organizations I have been involved in numerous investigations of cases of this type. The investigative process was however, somewhat different than one in a entirely civilianized community. I firmly believe that we can wash our own dirty linen without getting outside police investigative units involved but since Bill Newberry has been involved in local scouting activities for over 18 years, quite active in the affairs of St Ritas Church and a professional full-time scouter with the valley council, makes it more important that we keep this information restricted to only a few individuals. However, this is your decision. If you elect to pursue your own investigation of my charges, please feel free to do so. Personally, I feel that I have been acting on your behalf in the hope that you will approve the above immediate actions. If you don't approve, the first step before anything else, you must contact Mr Harbottle.

To substantiate my actions in removing Bill Newberry as Scoutmaster of Troop 372, I am enclosing 2 statements that have been freely made by my Son and members of Troop 372. Other than these 2 boys the only other people I have discussed this with have been Mr and Mrs [redacted] my wife and Mr Harbottle.

2 Inclosures-Statements by  
and [redacted]

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STATEMENT OF FACT

August 17, 1967

I, [REDACTED] hereby certify that the following questions were made by myself for the purpose of interviewing my son [REDACTED] to determine precisely where and what abnormal sexual behavior occurred when under the supervision of Scoutmaster Bill Newberry.

1-Q--Where and when did an abnormal incident occur in Troop 372?

A--At Blue Jay in January 67.

2-Q--About how many scouts were there-What are their names?

A--Well, first Bill Newberry,

and I.

3-Q--Why did only 5 boys go?

A--Because Bill wanted only the Patrol Leaders-He called it a pleasure trip.

4-Q--What do you mean by a pleasure trip?

A--We stayed in a 3 room cabin and about the only work we did was to cook. The rest of the time we ice skated, had snow ball fights, etc. Actually we cooked only 1 meal and ate the others in a restaurant.

5-Q--What special events happened that first evening?

A--Well, Bill bought a gallon of hard cider and each of us had a glass full.

6-Q--Did the cider make you feel unusual or funny?

A--No, it just tasted different and sort of a tangy taste like beer. Bill said if you heated it, you won't feel funny.

7-Q--What happened next that you recall?

A-- [REDACTED] said "nows the time". So they said, "lets pants [REDACTED]". I fought them but they threw me down, took off my pants and underwear. Then they pants Bill, then Bill pants then finally pants and Bill helped.

8-Q--Where was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] while this was going on?

A--I think they were in the kitchen.

9-Q--Why didn't they get involved in the stripping game?

A--They both backed off and told Bill that this wasn't Christian-like, so they took off for the kitchen before the stripping started.

10-Q--Why were you involved?

A--I had been warned before that this would happen and I told them I didn't want to do it. I fought them and was really mad but they were too strong for me so I guess I just gave up. I hit [REDACTED] with my elbow and caused his lip to bleed. They held my arms behind my back, held my legs and there was nothing I could do.

11-Q--Where was Bill when you were getting stripped?

A--Watching in the chair.

12-Q--What did he say, if anything?

A--Nothing, he just sat and laughed.

13-Q--How did Bill strip

A-- [REDACTED] pinned down [REDACTED] and Bill took off his clothes.

14-Q--What did Bill say was the reason for the stripping?

A--Just fun and having our kicks. Bill said that everything we did this weekend was just having fun and be sure and not tell anybody.

15-Q--What happened then?

A--Bill told me to take a shower with him in order to save water. He wanted me to wash him and he'd wash me.

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16-Q--Specifically, what did he want you to do?

A--He forced my hand on his private parts and told me to wash it. I kept pulling away but he would grab it back.

17-Q--Did he do the same to you?

A--Yes, but I didn't want to.

18-Q--Did Bill ask any of the other boys to come to the shower?

A--No.

19-Q--Do you know why Bill selected you?

A--I don't know but maybe it was because this was my first campout with the patrol leaders.

20-Q--Do you know if any of the others showered together?

A-- and did.

21-Q--What did you do then?

A--We went to bed.

22-Q--What time?

A--It was late-maybe 10 or 11 o'clock.

23-Q--Did you sleep alone?

A--No, Bill made me sleep with him.

24-Q--Where were the others sleeping?

A-- and slept in a double bed in the front room and slept in a single bed in the same room. slept in a single bed in the back bedroom.

25-Q--Where did you and Bill sleep?

A--In the front bedroom.

26-Q--Was it a completely separate room away from the others?

A--Yes.

27-Q--What happened when you got into bed?

A--I was in my pajamas and he started taking them off. I told him to stop and I did fight him but when I'd pull my bottoms back up, he hold my arms and force them down.

28-Q--Go on, what happened next?

A--Well, he finally got them off and he threw them off the end of the bed. I was nude and cold so I grabbed my bottoms and put them back on. Bill asked me if I was cold and I said yes. Then he grabbed me and put me on his stomach and that we would stay warm if we stayed together.

28-Q--What else happened?

A--He grabbed my hand and put it on his penis but I kept pulling my hand away. This went on for a long time.

30-Q--Did he tell you anything about why he was doing all this?

A--Yes, to keep it warm.

30-Q--Were you afraid?

A--Yes.

31-Q--Didn't you know what he was doing is wrong?

A--Yes

32-Q--Why didn't you shout out to the other boys or leave the rm?

A--I guess I was embarassed and afraid to do anything.

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33-Q--Didn't you fight to get away from him?

A--Yes, but he kept pulling me back down. He would lock me around my knees with his legs and I could hardly move.

44-Q--Have you talked with any other boys in the troop about things like this?

A--Yes.

45-Q--What are their names?

34-Q--Did you sleep at all?

A--Hardly.

35-Q--Do you mean to say that this went on nearly all night?

A--Yes, but I did sleep a little.

36-Q--What time did you get up in the morning?

A--About 7 o'clock.

37-Q--What did Bill say to you when you got up?

A--Good morning--Now, don't worry about it. He said not to say anything to the guys but to forget about it.

38-Q--Did anything unusual happen after that?

A--No, we had breakfast, went ice skating, had lunch then came home that evening.

39-Q--Why didn't you tell us about what Bill did to you when you got home?

A--Because Bill told me not to.

40-Q--What finally made you tell us?

A--The other day Mom asked me if bill had ever been smart with me and since Mom asked me to be very honest with her, I told her that he had.

41-Q--Any other reason why you didn't want to tell us?

A--I guess it was because he might get kicked out of the troop.

42-Q--How do you feel about Bill?

A--I feel sorry for him.

43-Q--Do you think that you have any respect for a scoutmaster who acts this way. A--No.

STATEMENT OF FACT

August 18, 1967

I, [redacted] hereby certify that the following questions were drawn up by myself for the purpose of interviewing [redacted] to determine precisely where, what and when abnormal sexual behavior occurred when Troop 372 was under the supervision of Scoutmaster Bill Newberry.

(1) Q--How old are you ?  
A--13

(2) Q--How long have you been a member of Troop 372?  
A--I'd say 2 years, maybe a little more.

(3) Q--About how many weekend campouts have you participated in with Tr 372?  
A--A lot, I'd say about 20.

(4) Q--Can you recall any unusual or abnormal games that occurred on any of these outings?  
A--Only 1 that I know of. It was a "Green Bar" outing to Blue Jay in Jan or Feb of this year.

(5) Q--Who was on this trip?  
A--Bill Newberry,

and I.

(6) Q--What was the reason for only 4 boys going?  
A--It was a Green Bar outing for all the Patrol leaders. We were planning for this years activities.

(7) Q--Can you recall what happened in the cabin at Blue Jay?  
A--It was before dinner and the other guys started joking and kidding. They said that they were going to Pants him.

(8) Q--What did B. Newberry say?  
A--Bill asked if I would go along with it. I told Bill that I would fight it and didn't approve of it.

(9) Q--Then, what did he say?  
A--Bill went into the reasons why it had to be done and he approved of things like this so the boys could get over their curiosity of other boys and that's when I got out of it. He told me he didn't approve of such games like "squirrel" which is when each boy grabs the other.

(10) Q--Can you recall the next chain of events?  
A--After dinner we had the hard cider which was quite good and refreshing. I went into the kitchen and when I came back and had pinned to the floor. was fighting them but they were too strong for him. Next thing started pantsing Bill--Everybody was sort of after everybody.

(11) Q--What made them leave you alone?  
A--I told them that I would hit them again like I did before. I was angry at them all, except [redacted] Also told them that best they leave me alone.

(12) Q--Why was [redacted] the primary target?  
A--He was new in our troop and I guess they wanted to kid him.

(13) Q--What did Bill Newberry do or say during these events?  
A--Actually nothing was said--Just sort of quiet. He had a stern face.

(14) Q--What happened next?  
A--Well, [redacted] was reading on his bed smoking a cigarette when [redacted] said "lets get [redacted] so [redacted] and pants [redacted] and [redacted] came in and told [redacted] to let them do it.

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(15) Q--Where was during this time?

A--Maybe in the front room but I'm not sure.

(16) Q--Where did everyone sleep?

A--I was in the front room for a while with was in his back room and at first , Bill & went in the same room.

(17) Q--Did you know who took a shower?

A--I think I heard that and Bill took a shower together and and took a shower but I don't know if they were together.

(18) Q--What were you doing all this time?

A--I guess I was thinking and pacing around in the front room.

(19) Q--Did you hear anything unusual that night?

A--No.

(20) Q--Did you wonder about what was going on in the bedroom where and Bill were?

A--Well, I was suspicious

(21) Q--What do you mean suspicious?

A--Just thinking of Bill doing icky things like the pantsing. Then I just wanted to forget about it & I went to sleep.

(22) Q--What happened the next AM?

A-- didn't have the top to his pajamas and they were hiding it from him. I helped get it back.

(23) Q--What did everyone do the next day?

A--Some of us got up late, around 10--Maybe and Bill got up earlier. We went to the restaurant and had brunch. I might have this trip confused with an-

(24) Q--How do you basically feel about trips like this?

A--I hated every minute of it and hate to go back.

(25) Q--Do you think Bill's personal behavior is what you expect of a scoutmaster?

A--No, he's far from it but I can say that he's a good leader in teaching scouting.

(26) Q--Do you know of any other incidents that have happened on other campouts?

A--Yes, on the 1966 summer camp Bill asked me to bring him coffee and he asked if I wanted to lay down on his cot with him to keep warm. I sure didn't.

(27) Q--What was the reason you told Bill why you couldn't go on this years trip to Bishop?

A--I told Bill that my Dad was ill and couldn't go. This was a lie but I didn't want to go if Bill was going.

(28) Q--Why do you feel this way?

A--I just don't want to get near him--like he's real evil--icky.

(28) Q--Why are you staying in the troop if you dislike Bill so much?

A--I feel that I have an obligation towards the boys in my patrol and I guess I just want to protect them from him.

(29) Q--Why? A--It makes me sick just thinking about him touching my boys.

(30) Q--What have you told your parents about him?

A--I told them about pantsing at Blue Jay and it made Dad furious and he wanted to take me out of the troop. Mom talked with my Uncle who is a doctor and he said its probably harmless